

International Application No.: PCT/EP00/00346
Attorney Docket No.: BC45215

09889689 012302

09/889689
JC17 R001 PCT/PTO 19 JUL 2001

6/A
PreAmndt

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Vinals-Bassols
Docket No.: BC45215
Serial No.: Unknown
Filed: Herewith
For: Novel Compounds

Group Art Unit No.: Unknown
Examiner: Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment into the record of the above-identified patent application before examination and the calculation of fees.

In the Claims:

Please delete the claims of the application as filed in the PCT and substitute therefor:

AI
6. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence that is identical to one of SEQ ID NOs:1-6, except that, over the entire length corresponding to one of SEQ ID NOs:1-6, n_n nucleotides are substituted, inserted or deleted, wherein n_n satisfies the following expression

$$n_n \leq x_n - (x_n \cdot y)$$

wherein x_n is the total number of nucleotides in SEQ ID NO:1, y is 0.90, and wherein any non-integer product of x_n and y is rounded down to the nearest integer before subtracting the product from x_n .

7. The isolated polynucleotide of claim 6, wherein y is 0.95.

8. The isolated polynucleotide of claim 6, wherein the isolated polynucleotide consists of the nucleotide sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs:1-6.

9. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of: